

STATE CODES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE (C&S)

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 – 1:00 PM (Teams-online)

[Instructions for attending the meeting can be found as an attachment of the agenda]

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ATTENDANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE October 14, 2020 MEETING

4. COMMUNICATIONS:

SUBJECT & DATE RECEIVED	FROM – TO	DESCRIPTION
a. Request for Appeal Received 10/14/20	Philip R. Sherman, P.E. C&S	A-08-20 RE: Fire Safety Code Modification [FM-1046-20] 500 Sargent Drive, New Haven, CT] - denied relief from the CSFSC 7.2.2.4.5.6 & 7.2.2.4.6.2 (handrails). ACTION: _____ _____
b. Correspondence Received 10/21/20	Anthony P. Strazza, III C&S	A-14-19 Appellant withdrew appeal on 10/21/20 <i>(see item #c under Appeals for details)</i> ACTION: _____ _____
c. Correspondence Received 10/22/20	Philip R. Sherman, P.E. C&S	A-02-20 Appellant withdrew appeal on 10/22/20 <i>(see item #e under Appeals for details)</i> ACTION: _____ _____

5) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Codes Amendment Subcommittee (CAS) (Free) –
- b) Ethics/Procedural Regulations Subcommittee (Harwood) –

6) OLD BUSINESS

7) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Staff Report
 - i) Joseph Cassidy, State Building Inspector –
 - ii) William Abbott, State Fire Marshal –
 - iii) Jenna Padula, Staff Counsel –

- b) **Fire Prevention Code Advisory Committee (Harwood & Sinsigalli) –**
- c) **Training Councils**
 - i) **Building Code Training Council (Musco) –**
 - ii) **Fire Marshal Training Council (Harwood) –**
- d) **Report on Bills (Cassidy) –**
- e) **Committee vote on minimum qualifications for fire official certification for fire code inspectors and fire investigators:** RE: Qualifications for Fire Certifications other than Fire Marshals. **Committee would like to meet with Bonnie Becker, Director, Education and Data Management (ODEM) and William Abbott, State Fire Marshal before they vote. Hold for 30 days.**

5) APPEAL HEARINGS

- a) **A-05-19** Request for Appeal received 5/15/19 from Raymond Pietrorazio, Representative, OXC Airport/Power Plant, Town of Middlebury - RE: [CPV Towantic LLC, 16 Woodruff Hill Road, Oxford, CT]. RE: CT Fire Safety Code Section(s) under appeal: NFPA-54 and NFPA-56. And CT Building Code Section(s) under appeal: Section, 104.1, 105.1, NFPA-54 and NFPA-56. Referred to State Fire Marshal. State Fire Marshal still actively working with Appellant. State Fire Marshal contacted the State's Attorney - awaiting response from Judy Dicine. State Fire Marshal will have a meeting with Judy next week. **Fire Marshal still waiting to set up meeting with Judy Dicine. Hold on agenda.**
- b) **A-12-19 Request for Appeal received 9/3/19** from Richard Leighton, R.E. Leighton & Associates, RE: Appeal of the Local Fire Marshal Ivoryton (Essex), Connecticut. RE: Ivory Key, LLC, [158 Main Street, Ivoryton (Essex), CT]. Referred to the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Communications are ongoing with State Fire Marshal and Appellant. State Fire Marshal is currently working on the report for the Committee. 12/13/19 received OSFM site visit and assessment report. Panel assigned: Keith Flood, Chair; Mike Sinsigalli, Panel; Fred Wajcs, Panel; Henry Miga, Alternate. Hearing scheduled Thursday, February 6, 2020 @ 11:00a.m. 13 North Room A. Hearing continued and referred to the Office of the State Building Inspector. This structure is a large old industrial building being used for storage. However, people are in and out of the building – there are safety issues/unsafe conditions. We are working together for a resolution. State Fire Marshal reports that they worked through it jointly – waiting to hear from Local Fire Marshal. **State Fire Marshal waiting on new info. Hold on agenda.**
- c) **A-14-19 Request for Appeal received 9/20/19** from Anthony P. Strazza, III RE: [194 South Ave, New Canaan, CT] denial w/o prejudice, of Section 404.2.3.2 (Swinging Doors), of ICC A117.1-2009 portion of the 2018 SBC; that proposed to allow a 4 inch clearance on the push side of the door in lieu of the required 18 inch clearance for a manual swinging door. Panel assigned: David McKinley (Chair); Don Doeg (panel); Henry Miga (panel); George Iskra (alternate). Hearing scheduled Wednesday, 01/08/20 @ 11:00 a.m., 2N Room B. Hearing held and continued for 30 days. Chair ordered status letter to Appellant for follow-up. Admin emailed/mailed status letter on 3/5/20 requesting Appellant to respond by 3/19/20. On 6/10/20, Chair ordered Admin resend follow-up letter. On 6/10/20 Chair ordered Admin to send out second request letter to applicant.

Admin sent out second request status letter on 7/17/20. A status letter was sent on 8/25/20. If no response, the panel will reconvene the hearing. Hearing scheduled October 28, 2020 @ 11:00 a.m. **On 10/21/20 Appellant withdrew appeal.**

- d) **A-21-19** Request for Appeal received 12/6/19 from Mr. Carlos Pla, Greenwich, CT. RE: [107 East Elm Street, Greenwich, CT] Section R305.1(4), 2015 IRC – denial of 6 feet, under a beam within an existing basement being converted to habitable space. Panel assigned: Glenn Neilson, Chair; Lou Free (panel); Tom DiBlasi (panel); Carlton Smith (alternate). Hearing scheduled: Wednesday, 4/8/20 @ 11:00 a.m., 2 NB Room B. Due to Covid-19 epidemic, hearing continued until further notice. Will rescheduled at next C&S Meeting. Hearing scheduled, Wednesday, 9/30/20 @ 11:00 a.m. **Hearing held. Decision will be mailed out in 90 days (12/30/20). Hold on agenda.**
- e) **A-02-20** Request for Appeal received 3/4/20 from Philip R. Sherman, P.E., RE: Request for Appeal [RE: [15 Oakwood Avenue, Norwalk, CT] - denial of Section 2902.1 of the 2015 IBC - that proposed to provide plumbing fixtures for approximately 100 occupants in lieu of providing fixtures for 455 occupants within a proposed building. Panel assigned: Eric Shutt, Chair; Anthony Bruno (panel); Carlton Smith (panel); Don Doeg (alternate). Hearing scheduled 4/8/20 10:00 a.m., 2 NB Room B. Due to Covid-19 epidemic, hearing continued until further notice. Will rescheduled at next C&S Meeting. OSBI is waiting for a revised modification. **OSBI received modification(s), awaiting withdraw from Appellant. Hold on agenda for 30 days.**
- f) **A-03-20** Request for Appeal received 6/3/20 from Brad DeMotte, R.A. | RE: [Universal Church, 261 Main Street, Danbury, CT] - denial of Section 1004.1 of the 2015 IEBC, to not allow a change of occupancy as described, is based on the fact that the change of occupancy is to a higher hazard and the travel distance to the single exit is too great, causing a hazard for the occupants. **Panel assigned: Henry Miga, Chair; Mike Sinsigalli (panel); Don Harwood (panel); Johnny Carrier (alternate).** Panel assigned but do not schedule hearing until discussion of virtual hearings. Hearing scheduled, Monday, 9/14/20 @ 11:00 a.m. via online Teams. **Hearing held decision will be mailed out in 90 days (12/14/20). Hold on agenda.**
- g) **A-04-20** Request for Appeal received 7/16/20 from Michael Grunberg | RE: [82 Buckfield Lane, Greenwich, CT] – denied the alternate compliance to allow the use of a body of water is based on the requirements of the 2018 International Swimming Pool and Spa code, Section 305.6 (Natural Barriers). Panel assigned: John Butkus, Chair; Lou Free, (panel); Johnny Carrier (panel); Henry Miga (alternate). Hearing scheduled, Monday, 9/14/20 @ 1:00pm via online Teams. **On 9/10/20 Appellant requested a 30-day Extension of the hearing – parties feel the matter may have been resolved. Panel granted 30-day Extension of hearing. Hold on agenda for 30 days.**
- h) **A-05-20** Request for Appeal received 9/17/20 from Bradley & Marylyn Korth | Local Building Official issue RE: [12 Lewis Road, Marlborough, CT]. Per Applicant, the town of Marlborough refuse to conduct inspections. Specific reason not cited in writing. **Referred to Office of the State Building Inspector follow-up. Hold on agenda.**
- i) **A-06-20** Request for Appeal received 9/17/20 from Nicholas F. Kepple, Esq, Suisman Shapiro | Local Building Official issue RE: [316 Elm Street, Stonington, CT]. Applicant is seeking Waiver of 10-foot distance requirement for residential propane tank from side of house. **Referred to Office of the State Building Inspector follow-up. Hold on agenda.**

- j) **A-07-20** Request for Appeal received 10/5/20 from John Yacovino, State Fire Marshal-Meriden RE: [424 West Main Street, Meriden, CT] – denied relief request, existing historic building with a guard height at 31 inches above the floor. Panel assigned: Keith Flood, Chair; Johnny Carrier, Panel Member, Don Harwood, Panel Member; Glenn Neilson, Alternate. Hearing scheduled, Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 11:00a.m. **Hearing held 10/27/20; Appellant requested to submit a brief; Brief due 11/24/20.**

6) **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The next Codes and Standards Committee meeting is set for **Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 1:00 p.m.** Meeting format (on-line or in person) will be determined prior to the meeting.

7) **ADJOURNMENT**